

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read:

Claims 1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Withdrawn) An antibody or fragment thereof that specifically binds a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, OR SEQ ID NO: 17.

29. (Withdrawn) An antibody of claim 28 which is a monoclonal antibody.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody of Claim 28 in a mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.

Claims 32-35. (Canceled)

36. (Withdrawn) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 28, which is a chimeric antibody.

37. (Withdrawn) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 28, which is a CDR-grafted antibody.

1 ~~38.~~ (Previously presented) A monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof that binds a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11.

39. (Canceled)

2 ~~40.~~ (Previously presented) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~38~~, which is a chimeric antibody or a chimeric antibody fragment.

3 ~~41.~~ (Previously presented) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~38~~, which is a CDR-grafted antibody or a CDR-grafted antibody fragment.

Claims 42-45. (Canceled)

4 ~~46.~~ (Previously presented) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~38~~ in a mixture with an adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.

Claims 47-51. (Canceled)

5 ~~52.~~ (Currently amended) An A monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof which is raised against a polypeptide comprising amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof binds the polypeptide comprising amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11.

53. (Canceled)

6 ~~54.~~ (Previously presented) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~52~~ which is a chimeric antibody or a chimeric antibody fragment.

7 ~~55.~~ (Previously presented) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~52~~ which is a CDR-grafted antibody or a CDR-grafted antibody fragment.

8 ~~56.~~ (Previously presented) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof of claim ~~52~~ in a mixture with an adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.